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To: Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services stakeholders
From: Kylee Hope, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
Re: 2019 novel coronavirus
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As you are aware, business, individuals and organizations around the world are making preparations for the potential spread of 2019 novel coronavirus that has heavily impacted a number of countries. The state of Indiana is no exception to these preparations.

The Indiana State Department of Health is closely monitoring an outbreak of COVID-19. ISDH is working with federal and local partners to respond to this evolving public health situation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the risk of infection in the United States is low, as the virus has had limited person-to-person spread in the United States at this time.

At this time, it is important that everyone, regardless of age or disability, take the same precautions to avoid illness. These include everyday preventative actions to help prevent the spread of all respiratory diseases, including colds, flu and COVID-19.

Indiana is working diligently to make sure the state is prepared and communicating the latest information about COVID-19. This includes developing contingency plans for service delivery for Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services program.

What to do now?

- Stay informed with accurate information.
 - [ISDH COVID-19 dedicated webpage](#)
 - [CDC COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Personal hygiene:
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds - [CDC's handwashing website](#)
 - Avoid touching face
 - Cough, sneeze into shoulder or arm
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
 - Limit close contact with others as much as possible (e.g., shaking hands)
- Prepare for the possibility that there could be disruptions in your daily routine
- Facemasks should be used only by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 and health workers.



General resources:

- ISDH 24/7 call center
 - 317-233-7125 (M-F, 8:15 a.m. – 4:45p.m.)
 - 317-233-1325 (after hours)
- ISDH dedicated email box: epiresource@isdh.in.gov
- [Provider webcast recording available on the ISDH video center](#) (Internet Explorer only)
- [Sign up for the Indiana health alert network.](#)

Specific resources for business, employers and healthcare workers:

- ISDH – [Information for healthcare professionals](#)
- CDC - [Interim guidance for business and employers to plan and respond to COVID-19](#)
- CDC - [Information for healthcare professionals](#)